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Sir:

Before the issuance of the first Official Action,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line  
12, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Figs. 16A-16F illustrate the concept of wavelet  
encoding performing symmetrical convolutional pixel processing.--